

Thomas Glascock to George Washington, August 22, 1773, Letters to Washington and Accompanying Papers. Published by the Society of the Colonial Dames of America. Edited by Stanislaus Murray Hamilton.

FROM MR. THOMAS GLASCOCK.¹

RICHMOND COUNTY Augt. 22. 1773

SIR.

I have seen your Advertisement in the Gazate for the disposal of your lands on the Banks of the Ohio and the Kanhawa's,² You have not been so particular as to mention that the Leases are to be for Years or lives, but I am willing to suppose they are intended for Life or Lives, and therefore (as I am now in the Gout, And consequently Cannot be at the meeting of the Ohio Company, where I might probably see you in person) Write, and desire that you will lay me out 500 Acres of as good land as I may have a right to expect, and as near the supposed intended seat of Government as possible, to which (as soon as I can receive advice that it is really done and where) I will repair, With the remains of my shattered fortune, and shall farther hope that the Lease will be for my life at least, and one or two I shall hope for, Of this you will be kind enough to advise me as soon as may be that I may sell out and be ready for movement as soon as may be, in the Interim I am Sir

Your devoted hble Sert. THOMAS GLASSCOCK P. S. Could I serve you in the Capacity of a Clerk, (tho' my pain now vexes me) or in any other capacity, so that there may not be too much travelling I shall hope for your favours— T G—

¹ An English name of antiquity. If the threadbare tradition of the "three brothers" is correct, there is another family of this name in Virginia which descended from "three brothers of the name who came from France with La

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Fayette, fought through the Revolution with him, and located in Va., married and raised families on the James River." (Power's Sangamon Co., iii. p. 331.) Lieut. Thomas Glasscock, of Virginia, served in the Continental Line. ... Bishop M. names the Glasscock family as among the prominent ones of Richmond Co. from 1692 to 1775.—HAYDEN.

2 In an advertisement dated July 15, 1773 (see Ford's Writings of Washington, vol. i. p. 386), which appeared in The Maryland Journal and Baltimore Advertiser, and in The Pennsylvania Gazette, Washington offered his lands upon the Ohio and the Kanawha for lease in desirable quantities. In a letter to Henry Riddell, February 22, 1774, he enters into an explanation of his scheme for importing "Palatines, or people from Ireland or Scotland," at his own expense, to settle on these lands.